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April 28, 1970

National Security Decision Memorandum 58

TO: The Secretary of State
The Secretary of Defense
The Attorney General
The Director of Central Intelligence

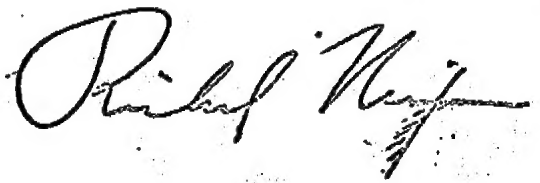
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SUBJECT: Actions to Protect U.S. Forces in South Vietnam

I hereby rescind National Security Decision Memorandum 57 and substitute therefor the following instruction which I am promulgating to protect U.S. forces operating in South Vietnam:

- Authorization for attacks on identified North Vietnamese/Viet Cong base areas in Cambodia up to a depth of 30 kilometers. Primary responsibility for these attacks, whenever possible, should be with GVN forces with U.S. support where necessary. Combined U.S./GVN operations are also authorized. Under this specific authorization, combined U.S./GVN operations, with the exception of the already approved operation against base area 352/353, will be submitted to me for approval on a case-by-case basis.
- Authorization for the provision of U.S. tactical air/helicopter and artillery up to a depth of 30 kilometers in all base areas north of and including 352/353.
- This directive does not affect GVN operations inside of Cambodian territory which have been previously authorized.

The Washington Special Actions Group is charged with coordinating these activities.



cc: The Chairman, Joint Chiefs of Staff

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